



JUSTICE
DIANE M. HATHAWAY

Term expires January 1, 2017

Justice Diane Marie Hathaway was elected to the Michigan Supreme Court in 2008 to a term that will expire on January 1, 2017. Before joining the Supreme Court, Justice Hathaway served as a judge of the Wayne County Circuit Court for 16 years; she was first elected to the circuit court in 1992 and re-elected in 1998 and 2004. As a circuit judge, she presided over civil, criminal, family, and appellate matters. She also served as a visiting judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals.

The daughter of a Detroit police officer, Justice Hathaway was born, raised, and educated in the city of Detroit. Upon graduating from high school, she earned a degree in Radiological Technology from Henry Ford Hospital; she also attained a real estate broker's license. She worked both in real estate and x-ray technology while her husband attended and completed law school. While continuing to work and raise her family, Justice Hathaway then continued her education at Wayne State University and at Madonna College, where she graduated with honors with a B.S. in Allied Health. She earned her law degree from the Detroit College of Law, graduating in 1987. While in law school, she served as a research clerk for the Wayne County Circuit Court and Detroit Recorder's Court, and also as an instructor in real estate law.

Justice Hathaway's legal experience includes serving as an assistant prosecutor in Macomb County, where she was promoted to head that office's Drug Forfeiture Division. She has been active in numerous professional organizations; past and present associations include the State Bar of Michigan, Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, Macomb County Bar Association, Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, Women Lawyers Association, Incorporated Society of Irish-American Lawyers and the Michigan Judges Association.

Justice Hathaway serves as the Supreme Court liaison for the Michigan Bar Association, the Attorney Discipline Board, the Attorney Grievance Commission, and the Board of Law Examiners. In May of 2010, she received the distinguished alumni award in recognition of significant service to Michigan State University College of Law, the legal profession, and the community.

Justice Hathaway resides in the Detroit area with her husband. She has five children and three grandchildren.